

also sent a dollar, to let us know that his sympathies are still with the work. In behalf of the S. S. C. E. our thanks are tendered to both.

Sister Knepper of Meyersdale, Pa., has been doing good work as one of the committee chosen at National Conference to solicit money for the superannuated ministers' fund. Recently she sent our treasurer fifty dollars. Thru correspondence, if a personal interview is not possible, she has endeavored to get every pastor in her state to appoint a sister in his church to collect the money thru the Sisters' Society, Sunday school or any method that might suggest itself.

I trust that the other two on the committee, Mrs. Leslie for Indiana and Mrs. Josiah Lichty for the Illiokota district will be as successful. With these have been appointed since Mrs. Laura Hedrick to canvass the Maryland and Virginia district; Mrs. Mary Wise, the State of Ohio; Mrs. Phoebe Darby, Michigan; Mrs. J. R. Kimmel, the Kanemorado district and Mrs. Martin Shively for the State of California.

To those who have written me for new constitutions, I must ask to wait a little longer as I haven't yet received them.

There are a few papers from the National Conference yet to be published, but I am looking for contributions from the different societies, that these columns may be supplied with these papers for a longer time. Let the secretary of each society report or tell something of interest occasionally.

I was pleased to learn thru Sister Smucker who was one of the number from Mansfield to attend our communion, that the sisters there are planning to do some work. May God bless and help the isolated members of the Brethren church. VIANNA DETWILER.

#### Lanark S. S. C. E.

Thinking a few items from the Lanark field, might be of interest to some, I will pen a few lines from our society.

Our present official year is drawing to a close, and another year with its duties and opportunities lie open before us, let us strive by God's help to make the coming year even more prosperous than the last.

Until within a few years our people have never to any extent had any established system by which their women could in a practical way aid in the finances of the church. I believe churches that were weak have been saved by the timely aid of organized societies of earnest Christian women. The object of our meeting together is not for fun and frolic, nor for gossip as we are so often wrongfully blamed, but the value of our societies in their self-sacrificing and noble efforts is to work for our beloved cause, as workers together with him, it is encouraging to think that we can be workers together with Christ.

It is true that we need to guard against the dangers of taking our ease in Christian work, I think there are too many of us who do not know what it is to inconvenience ourselves or make a little change in our own personal plans in order to work for the Master, but

rather satisfy first our own selfish desires and then if there is any time left give that to God's work. I believe that our heavenly Father wants a full surrender of self and hold ourselves in readiness to do his bidding in things both great and small.

We should have no higher ambition in this life than to desire to live so near Jesus that he can work with and thru us, without this we are missing much of the wonderful peace and joy it is our privilege to have.

Whoever our officer may be in the future, they need the co operation of the members of the society.

To those who have aided so faithfully in the past we entreat you to continue to do so from time to time, and to those who have not been meeting with us, we would urge that you awake to see that you too have a duty to preform in this respect. By our united efforts we can make our work a grand success. Let us be up and doing while it is called to day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

I would like to say here the junior class organized by Brother Furry is progressing and growing better all the time, for which we praise the Lord. The first of the month we had election of officers as follows:

President, Iva Duple; Vice President, Gertie Sheller; secretary, Hazel Wild; treasurer, Leta Sterns; Organist, Grace Rowland.

We have thirty-five members and new ones coming in. Pray for the juniors for in them we have great hopes.

With good wishes for our Sister's Societies and the prayer that we may all have more of the impress and reflection of God's love in our hearts and more anxiety for the welfare of others. ALICE GORDON, Sec.

## The Christian Life

### Sunset

Do you ever think, when the skies are blue,  
And the clouds in the west are an amber hue,  
And a shaded red, and a shimmering white,  
That the great All Father takes delight  
In seeing His children rest awhile?

Has the day been weary, the task been long?  
Lay care aside, and let a song  
Rise to your lips as you gaze at the sky,  
For the glories of heaven seem floating by,  
And the great All Father shifts the scenes.

For some life seems but idle play,  
While others are burdened with care away;  
But the idle seeming oft hides a pain,  
As the sun oft shines in summer rain;  
Yet the great All-Father sees it all.

And the beauty of sun and cloud and sky,  
That gilds the west as night draws nigh,  
But shows the love that will safely hold  
Each trusting heart of this earthly fold  
Till the great All-Father leads us home.

—Antha M. Munsell, in "The Club Woman."

### Communion in Prayer

The Examiner.

If you had a friend to whom you never went but to ask for something, and if your visits to your friend were made, not once, but twice, and even oftener, every day, what

do you suppose your friend would think of you? What, indeed, in such a case, ought you to think of yourself? Nothing, surely, that would be very flattering to your self-respect. And yet there are multitudes who never go to God except for favors, who never approach him but as beggars and suppliants. Their prayers are better than no prayer, for the infinite mercy is unwearied by our sordidness and weakness; but how incalculably much is lost by failure to recognize prayer as the opportunity for communion, as of sons with the loving Father—for absorption, during however brief a space, into the divine nature, whence to emerge with spirits chastened, purified, unburdened.

### The Good Time Coming

Dr. W. L. Watkinson.

There has been a wonderful growth in morals, a remarkable unfolding of morality, during the last fifty years. New situations are always emerging; new problems are always turning up; new and delicate relationships are coming into existence. And as these fresh complications of society arise, perplexities of government, labor, and capital, and a thousand more perplexities, the old morality is taking new and delicate shapes. Just as these flowers under the touch of genius have revealed new colorings and shapes and tints, we know a great deal more than they knew fifty years ago of the wealth and manifold splendor of the globe. And during the last fifty years God has been opening the eyes of Europe, and making us see wonderful things out of his law. There are fairer and more exquisite and more imperative perceptions of duty and character and responsibility than there were before. Take hope—morality is growing, and it is going to grow. It is one of the most delightful things of life to know that the Lord of righteousness is ever being unfolded and illustrated, and we understand more perfectly the magic of eternal righteousness. If you could come back again in fifty years, you would find a new morality again, a new sense of justice, of fairness, of sobriety. Talk about the morality of today—it is a barbarism. I tell you the time is coming when a man will put his soul into a convict's sackcloth because he cherished a sullied imagination. The time is coming when there will be no more wife-beating, when a man will put himself upon the treadmill for a month for having given her an ugly look. The time is coming when a capitalist, a lady, would rather put on the cast off garments of a leper than put on a purple that was stained by a workman's tear or blood. The time is coming when a man would rather pick his master's pocket than waste his time. The time is coming when a man will not have to be taken up for forgery or embezzlement; it shall be no more. There shall be such a spirit of magnanimity and charity that a man will stand in the church porch and do penance for having in a moment of meanness given a threepenny bit at the collection. "O," you may say, "that is a touch of the grotesque." I give